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CHAIR'S CORNER: That was the year that was Dr. Thomas B. Dodson

As we all struggled with coronavirus and its variants and adapted to new, and sometimes contradictory recommendations, I am pleased to report that our patient volumes have returned to pre-pandemic levels, with no confirmed patient to provider (or provider to patient), COVID-19 infections.



The last six months have been a busy and productive time for the department. For the first time in over 1.5 years, we met in Nashville to attend the AAOMS meeting. It was outstanding to mingle with colleagues again and enjoy the intangible benefits of in-person human interactions. All of our abstract submissions were accepted as oral presentations. This is a remarkable feat as most abstract submissions are delivered in the form of posters. Only the best abstracts are selected for oral presentations. Additionally, I would like to recognize Dr. Rachel Lim whose manuscript was selected as an award winner in the AAOMS Resident Research Manuscript competition (Figure 1). OMS faculty were also well-represented with Drs. Burke, Dillon, and Dodson delivering invited presentations (Figure 2). We hosted an alumni reception at the meeting that was well-represented with attendance from faculty, residents, and local alumni (Figure 3).

Although the 2020 Worthington Lecture was cancelled, we were delighted to host our 7th Worthington invited lecturer, Dr. Bonnie Padwa, who presented via a virtual webinar on November 3, 2021. Dr. Padwa is interim department chair and Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Harvard School of Dental Medicine and the Leonard B. Kaban Chair in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Boston Children's Hospital. She delivered a coherent and articulate presentation on the topic of non-bacterial chronic osteomyelitis in children. Fingers crossed. We are hoping to return to an in-person Worthington lecture in 2022!

A special thank you to all the donors to the Department (see Donor Honor Roll at the end of the Newsletter). A special call-out for donations to fund the Worthington endowment. We are nearly to the finish line!!!

After almost 4 decades of service to University of Washington School of Dentistry and Department of OMS, Dr. O. Ross Beirne hung up his forceps. Dr. Beirne retired from the Department on December 31, 2021, to spend time with his family in Austin, TX. Dr. Beirne served the department as both program director and chair. He is nationally recognized for his

OMS Grand Rounds Lectures

The Grand Rounds Lecture Series takes place on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The lectures are held from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Grand Rounds will be held via Zoom.

To participate, use this Zoom link:

<https://uw-phi.zoom.us/j/97396058671>

Meeting ID: 973 9605 8671

Visit our website listed in the appendix of our newsletter or click [here](#) for the OMS Grand Rounds calendar.

February 16, 2022: Interdisciplinary Management of TMD and Orofacial Pain Disorders

**Akanksha Gupta BDS, MS
Jason Pehling, DDS, MS**

March 2, 2022: Updates on Systemic Therapy for Head and Neck Malignancies

Christina Rodriguez, MD

March 16, 2022: Case-Based Anesthesia Complications

Paul Bhalla, MBChB, FRCA

April 6, 2022: Global Surgical Outreach Programs Amidst Pandemic to Endemic: An Update

Austin Gall, DDS

April 20, 2022: A 40 Year Retrospective of Managing over 15,000 TMD Patients, Efficacy of Different Treatment Modalities for Painful TMJ Internal Derangements

Jim Howard, DDS

May 4, 2022: CBCT Interpretation-Significant Incidental Findings

Peggy Lee, BDS, MSD, PhD

May 18, 2022: Sinus Disease (Title TBA)

Ian Humphreys, DO

SAVE THE DATE

The AAOMS 2022 Scientific Meeting is scheduled to be held in New Orleans, LA
September 12, 2022 –
September 17, 2022.

expertise in the management of the medically compromised patient and delivery of office-based ambulatory outpatient anesthesia. He was the Department's and School's "go to" person for instruction in anesthesia. He taught the basics of anesthesia to decades of dental students and more sophisticated anesthesia techniques to the OMS residents. His excellence in teaching is evident by his receiving the Bruce Rothwell Lifetime Teaching Award in 2013 and the AAOMS Laskin Award for Outstanding Predoctoral Education in 2016. Dr. Beirne will split his time between Seattle and Austin as he will return in the Spring as emeritus professor and to teach students and residents part-time. We miss him dearly and look forward to his return and a chance to celebrate his career later this year.

Date to hold – 2022 OMS Graduation, June 17th.



Figure 1 – Dr. Rachel Lim, 5th from the left, on stage with Drs. Victor Nanini (AAOMS immediate past president), Dr. BD Tiner (AAOMS President), and other award winners.



Figure 2 – Dr. Andrea Burke, Assistant Professor, at the podium.



Figure 3. Residents, alumni, and faculty at the 2021 AAOMS Alumni Reception

And now, on to the next challenge!

Tom Dodson

OMS RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Dr. Jasjit Dillon

This is a brief spring update on the residency. Much of the current news is centered around Covid -19... The WSSOMS resident night was due to be an in-person meeting (1-18-2022) but unfortunately, we are back to a virtual meeting due to the omicron surge. This is predominately due to UW's staff shortages. Residents are being asked to consider moonlighting to cover other services – notably ICU's. We (UW) are once again on a work-related travel ban with no end date given. All elective cases are suspended until Jan 31st (at least) and we are going back to Telemedicine visits as much as possible. We have also suspended all patient visitors.

The residents have been fantastic and quite resilient. Despite the ever-looming virus our chief residents have been operating a ton and getting all their graduation requirements completed. Jesse Han is joining Matthew Epstein in Seattle. Phil Hurst will be going to Boise and working with our very own John Malan and finally, Nicholas Smiley will be moving back to Eastern Washington.

Our upcoming chiefs will be Onyi Esonu, Rachel Lim and Kanvar Panesar. Currently Kanvar is interviewing for a head and neck fellowship position, and we wish him good luck! We Zoom interviewed 38 stellar candidates for the residency and will know who we match January 24th.

We had a good turnout at the AAOMS national meeting in Nashville. Our residents (Rachel Lim, David Ludwig, Brian Bhaskar) presented their abstracts as mentioned in the summer newsletter. There was also a large turnout of female OMSs from around the country and an opportunity to network and mentor women and minorities. I met several dental students during this time who were interested in a career in OMS.

The VA hospital is recruiting for a full-time OMS after Dr. Jim Closmann returned to Denver. If any of you are interested or know of someone who maybe, please reach out to me directly.

The biggest news thus far is that after years of struggle for parity – the OMS service has finally been assigned an equal share of craniofacial trauma call at Harborview. This has been long time coming and the residents are enjoying the equality and experience.

As always thank you all for the tireless support. To the affiliate faculty who take call for us and all the donors – thank you!! On a personal note, a special shout out to the Harborview Medical Center OMS faculty – these are trying times, but we have all put our best foot(feet) forward and keep going.

GPR PROGRAM

Dr. Ryan O'Connor

Despite the recent omicron surge, I have been pleasantly surprised with the increase in patient care, learning opportunities, and a return to normal training operations for the GPR Program. We just had our first grand rounds presentation, and the residents are once again presenting great cases with abundant learning opportunities. While the overall volume of patient care is lower than before the pandemic, there are signs of a return to normalcy. Once we are past the steep Omicron wave, I expect even more progress.

The GPR Program had another great round of interviews. In December, we remotely hosted 30+ candidates for interviews from all over the US, Puerto Rico, and Canada. I am once again optimistic about Match Day for next year's class. It is always inspiring to meet these 4th-year dental students as their energy and excitement shows how much promise there is for the future.

We will be opening a position for a full-time faculty position. The ideal candidate will have had a GPR or AEGD training, but they could be a specialist as well. Please send any leads to myself (snocon@uw.edu) or Sujit Joginpally (sujitj@uw.edu).

Upward and onward.

PRE-DOCTORAL ACTIVITIES

Dr. John Evans

With the beginning of fall quarter, we returned to classrooms in the School of Dentistry. We have been back in clinics for many months with appropriate PPE. We limit surgical patients to those who show proof of vaccination or have had a negative COVID test within seventy-two hours of their appointment. That got us through delta and I suspect it will get us through omicron also. Students and staff are all fully vaccinated but we are still quite careful, of course.

The return to classrooms was excellent for moral. It seems that students who grew up with online resources were tired of it and wanted to get back to in-person classes. Our faculty were also worn out by the extra work online education requires and the generally compromised result. It seems we have proven that dental education cannot occur without in-person student-teacher-patient contact. As if that need proving.

The other major problem we had was lack of patients. That problem has been solved. Patient flow has been good for the last couple of months. I suspect there is a backlog of dentoalveolar surgery in the community we just now starting to work through. If we are not derailed by omicron, we will be back to normal winter quarter.

We will have a new elective surgery course starting next fall. The course will be for fourth-year students and comprise additional clinical experience with liberal doses of pharmacology and management of medically compromised patients. We have had such courses in the past that have been popular with students, and I suspect that will happen again.

We welcomed new affiliate faculty fall quarter. OM3 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons are rotating through Monday afternoons. Thanks to Drs. Kim, Wahan, Brady, Altmann, and Noblitt. Dr. Mark Stivers also joined our affiliate faculty this fall and has been generous with his time. Our students continue to enjoy the expertise of Doctors Jae Hong and Henry Rowshan. They have been with us for a number of years and continue to contribute mightily to our student's education. We have room for more of you if you would like to meet and teach some very bright students headed for dental practices and graduate programs across the nation.

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

1. Susarla SM. The low medial horizontal cut in the sagittal split osteotomy: Defining the safe margins to avoid inferior alveolar nerve injury. American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Meeting, October 21, 2021. Atlanta, GA.
2. Susarla SM. Orthognathic Surgery: Considerations in Patients with Craniofacial Anomalies. Harvard Plastic Surgery Grand Rounds, October 20, 2021. [Virtual]
3. Susarla SM. "Virtual Surgical Planning in Craniomaxillofacial Surgery" American College of Surgeons Annual Session, October 27, 2021 [Virtual]
4. Susarla SM. "Management of Subcondylar Fractures" American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Session, October 31, 2021. Atlanta, GA.
5. Susarla SM. Virtual Surgical Planning in Craniomaxillofacial Surgery American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Session, November 1, 2021. Atlanta, GA.
6. Susarla SM. Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Trauma: Concepts and Management. Grand Rounds, SUNY Buffalo/Oisehi Children's Hospital, Buffalo, NY, December 21, 2021 [Virtual]
7. Dodson TB. AAOMS Annual Meeting. Trends in opioid prescribing. Nashville, September.
8. Dillon JK. Oral cancer assessment and management and trigeminal nerve injuries. Women Implant Network. Arizona Dr. Negin Saghaifi Sept 18th, 2021
9. Dillon JK. Assessment and management of trigeminal nerve injuries. UW OMS grand-rounds October 2021

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LETTERS, INTERVIEWS, EDITORIALS

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3. **Dodson TB.** Square pegs, round holes, and sustainable pillars. *J Oral Maxillofac Surg.* 79:1807-8, 2021.
4. **Dodson TB.** Going viral: Have we learned anything? *J Oral Maxillofac Surg.* 79:2177-8, 2021
5. **Dillon JK.** Leadership. Fall Editorial -American College of Surgeons. November 2021
6. **Dillon JK.** Resilience. Summer Editorial -American College of Surgeons. July 2021
7. **Dillon JK:** Utilitarian Versus Deontological Ethics in Medicine and Dentistry Editorial OOOO Dec 2021

ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

1. **Susarla SM.** Editorial Board, Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Consulting Editor, Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction Associate Editor, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Associate Editor, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Global Open
2. **Egbert MA.** Elected AAOMS Vice President
3. **Dillon JK.** Appointed as a member of the OMS Foundation Board of Directors.

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Jasjit Dillon, Program Director, OMS
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Jasjit Dillon	\$750	Philip Worthington Lectureship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Thomas Dodson	\$1,000	Philip Worthington Lectureship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Austin Gaal	\$150	Philip Worthington Lectureship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
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Mark Grace*	\$10,000	Philip Worthington Lectureship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
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Jeffrey Tsai	\$500	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program Support Fund
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Michael Tsai	\$700	Philip Worthington Lectureship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
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